

place for our youth and making our youth better contributors to our communities around the Nation.●

TRIBUTE TO JIM SUTTON

● Mr. LEE. Mr. President, the United States Air Force has always been on the cutting edge of technology, ensuring the safety of Americans from a wide variety of threats. The advancement and sustainment of this technology has come as a result of the hard work of visionary leaders in research and intelligence sectors of the United States Armed Services. One of these visionary leaders is Jim Sutton, the Director of Plans and Programs for the Ogden Air Logistics Center at Hill Air Force Base. After an honorable and decorated career, Jim is retiring from public service. I wish to honor him today.

The Ogden Air Logistics Center is one of the United States foremost warfighter sustainment organizations, with management and maintenance responsibilities for some of the world's most advanced weapons systems. Their motto is "Innovative leaders for the defense technologies of the future; combining action and quality to ensure the systems you depend on are done right!" Jim Sutton has served as the director of Plans and Programs at the Ogden Air Logistics Center. During his tenure, he has turned the center into a model of fiscal responsibility and efficiency. Jim also oversaw the Enhanced Use Lease Program Management Office, which manages real estate transactions authorized by the Department of Defense Leasing Authority. I should note that Hill's Enhanced Use Lease Program Management office is the largest in the country. During his tenure as director he simultaneously served as a crucial advisor to the Utah Defense Alliance, where his colleagues note his instrumental leadership role during the Base Realignment and Closure act of 2005. One of Jim's crowning achievements at Hill is Falcon Hill, a state of the art National Aerospace Research Park located within the base itself.

Jim's career began long before he joined the directorate at the Ogden Air Logistics Center. His active duty began over 30 years ago in 1980. During that time he served in important judicial advocacy positions at the Los Angeles Air Force Base, the United States Air Forces European Headquarters in Germany, the Pentagon, San Antonio Contracting Center, Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado, Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland, Air Force Materiel Command at Wright Patterson Air Force Base and Scott Air Force base in Illinois. He has received several awards and commendations, including the Air Force Commendation Medal in 1983, five Meritorious Service Medals, the Albert M. Kuhlfield Award for Outstanding Young Judge Advocate in both 1986 and 1990, the Outstanding Career Judge Advocate in 1996, the Stuart

Reichart Award for Outstanding Senior Attorney in 1999, and the Outstanding Achievement Award for work from 2001-2003.

On a more personal level, coworkers describe Jim as a man of integrity, who fought for causes important to Utah and to the advancement and sustainment of Air Force technology. He has been a tremendous ally between the armed services and the state of Utah, working closely with Utah's congressional delegation in the advancement and progress of Hill Air Force Base. He has made it his personal mission to both sustain the viability of Hill Air Force Base and fight for its continued advancement. The base is now one of the top employers in Utah, providing jobs for over 23,000 Utahns. He has brought tremendous military credibility and knowledge to the state of Utah and will remain a respected and beloved authority to Utah's armed services community. Jim's personal efforts have contributed to the advancement and sustainment of our nation's military technology, namely our highly technical weapons systems. The people of the United States owe Jim a tremendous debt of gratitude for his dedication and service. Sharon and I extend our best wishes to Jim and his family as they begin a new chapter in their lives.●

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF UNITED WAY

● Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I want to take this opportunity to celebrate 125 Years of United Way, the world's largest privately supported non-profit with 1,800 communities based throughout 41 countries and territories.

In 1887, a group of Denver community leaders recognized the need for cooperative action to address their city's problems. They created an organization to collect funds for local charities, and to coordinate relief services, counsel, and make emergency assistance grants. This community establishment sparked a national movement that ultimately became the world's leading community impact organizations.

Over the last 125 years, United Way has worked collaboratively with communities in the U.S. and around the globe, enabling individuals to achieve their maximum human potential through education and financial stability.

In my home State, the United Way of Central Maryland has had a significant impact on the lives of my constituents. Each year, over 33,000 Marylanders receive nutritious meals, and 7,000 are provided with housing. Nearly 200 Maryland youths received scholarships this year, and 600 were provided with school readiness services. The resources provided by United Way of Central Maryland have assisted each and every kind of problem my constituents face—from helping a single father of two children get employment, to pro-

viding the necessary treatment and funding for a local woman with advanced heart disease.

United Way is known for its successful partnerships. One example includes the collaboration between United Way and the Alliance of Information and Referral Systems resulted in the successful petitioning of the Federal Communications Commission to designate the telephone number "211" for health and human services information and referral. Partnerships with corporations such as MTV and CNN, along with 120 United Ways Global Corporate Leadership Companies, and the establishment of the United Way Financial Stability Partnership, have allowed United Way to be an extraordinary contributor to thousands of communities in this country and abroad.

Since its inception, United Way has led disaster response in crises around the globe. In response to the terrorist attacks of 9/11, the United Way of New York City and the New York Community Trust established the September 11th Fund to mobilize financial resources for the needs of the individuals impacted by the tragedies. It raised an astounding \$425 million. Three years later, in response to the tsunami that struck Southeast Asia, The United Way Coordinated Crisis Response Team worked with United Way communities around the world to respond to the nations impacted by the disaster.

The invaluable impact of the United Way and its associates is without question. On behalf of myself, and speaking for the countless individuals and communities that have regained their strengths and lived better lives due to this organization, I would like to congratulate United Way on 125 years of extraordinary global service.●

NORTHWEST KIDNEY CENTERS

● Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I wish to congratulate Northwest Kidney Centers on its 50th anniversary and to commemorate the organization's service and dedication to kidney patients in my home State of Washington.

In 1960, Dr. Belding Scribner, a University of Washington researcher, created the Teflon shunt, a medical device that allowed patients suffering from kidney disease access to ongoing dialysis treatments. This invention paved the way for the creation of the Northwest Kidney Centers, the first out-of-hospital dialysis organization in the world.

Since opening its doors on January 8, 1962, the Northwest Kidney Centers has grown into a national leader in the field of patient care, education, research, and prevention. It is now the largest community-based, nonprofit dialysis provider in the country—providing approximately 25 percent of Washington State's dialysis patients in 14 centers and 12 local hospitals in King and Clallam Counties. Last year Northwest Kidney Centers served nearly 1,500 patients and trained and supervised 200 patients in self-treatment at